



Tracking Number: EPA-R8-2015-009712

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Requester Has Account: Yes

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State/Province: CO Zip Code/Postal Code: 80203 Submitted Date: 08/07/2015

Perfected Date: 08/10/2015

Last Assigned Date: 08/10/2015

Fee Limit: \$100.00 Request Track: Simple

Due Date: 09/08/2015

Assigned To: Ecosystems Protection and

Remediation

Last Assigned By: Alan Engels (Region 8)

Submission Details

Request Handling-

Requester Info Available to Yes

the Public:

Request Track: Simple

Fee Category: Media/Educational

Fee Waiver Requested: Yes

Fee Waiver Status: Pending Decision

Expedited Processing Yes

Requested:

Expedited Processing Status: Pending Decision

Request Perfected: Yes

Perfected Date: 08/10/2015

Acknowledgement Sent Date:

Unusual Circumstances?: No

5 Day Notifications: No

Litigation: No

Request Description -

Short Description: N/A

- 1. Planning and design documents for entering the Gold King Mine in La Plata County, Colorado, to investigate whether and how to pump wastewater out of the mine for cleanup and disposal.
- 2. Any risk assessments drawn up for entering the Gold King Mine.
- 3. Any EPA guidelines and/or requirements for safety measures, planning and designing entry into inactive mines for the purposes of cleanup activities.
- 4. The name of the on-site supervisor for the planned entry into the Gold King Mine, which resulted in a blowout on Aug.
- 5. The name of the company or companies that provided contract labor, equipment or other services for the planned entry into the Gold King Mine.

Description Available to the No

Has Description Been No Modified?

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Public:

- Attached Supporting Files -

No supporting files have been added.

Case File

Direct URL: http://localhost:8080/foia/action/public/view/request/80860b37

Case Details

Type of Case : FOIA Received Date : 08/10/2015
Fiscal Year : 2015 Clock Initially Started On : 08/10/2015

Total Days Pending: 0

Case Responsive Records -

No records have been uploaded.

$_{ extsf{ iny Consultations}}$ —

No consultations have been added.



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No correspondence has been added.

┌ Appeals —

No appeals have been filed.

Case File | Financing

-Invoice ---

Total Amount Billed Which Has Been Sent To Requester: \$0.00 Invoice will not be stored until close out process has begun.

┌ Payments —

Total Amount Owed: \$0.00

No payments to display.

┌ Restricted Materials —

No restricted materials have been added.

Admin Costs

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No entries have been added.

Assigned Tasks

Outcome 🖼	Assigned To	I Assigned By ⊞	l Date Sent 🛥	Due Date 😝 Closed	Date B Notification Detail
Pending	HQ	Alan Engels	08/10/2015	08/20/2015	

Description: Expedited Processing Task

Comments: This request concerns a matter of urgency. The information sought relates to a currently unfolding story, specifically, the release of wastewater bearing heavy metals into the Animas River. Second, delaying release of the information harms the public interest in knowing what actions were taken before the blowout at the Gold King Mine. Third, the request obviously concerns federal government activity, as the request seeks information on how the EPA planned the entry into the Gold King Mine. Finally, as the world's oldest and largest news organization, the AP is a credible requester. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited review are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If you deny expedited processing, I expect to receive a response to the request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Pending HQ Alan Engels 08/07/2015 08/07/2015

Description: Fee Waiver Task

Comments: I am making this request as a reporter with The Associated Press and this request is made as part of newsgathering and not for commercial use. As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. I ask that you waive any and all applicable fees associated with this request. Through this request, I am gathering information on the accidental release of wastewater into the Animas River during an attempt by an EPA-supervised crew to enter the mine. Release of this information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities, particularly how the EPA plans and executes cleanup operations and investigations at inactive mines.

Comments (0)

No comments have been added.

Review

Assigned Reviewers —	
No reviewers have been assigned.	